

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

KANSAS GOP FUND RAISING DINNER
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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TONIGHT WITH SO MANY ENTHUSIASTIC AND DEDICATED REPUBLICANS. I HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF TRAVELING THIS YEAR, BUT LIKE THE OLD ADAGE GOES, "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME." SO, FOR THE 34th TIME THIS YEAR, I CAN SAY ONCE AGAIN, "IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK HOME."

IT IS ESPECIALLY GOOD TO BE HERE ON THIS OCCASION, FOR OUR SUBJECT TONIGHT IS ONE THAT IS ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO MY HEART AND THE HEARTS OF ALL KANSAS REPUBLICANS -- THE JOB OF BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING OUR PARTY IN THE STATE OF KANSAS.

AND TO NO SMALL DEGREE, PART OF THE SUBJECT TONIGHT INVOLVES TELLING OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR PARTY, AND OUR FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN KANSAS AND IN THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE A GREAT STORY TO TELL. IT IS A STORY OF SUCCESS IN RECOGNIZING THE BEST INTERESTS OF KANSANS AND OTHER AMERICANS AND ACHIEVEMENT IN REALIZING THEIR DESIRES TO SEE GOVERNMENT BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS AND BETTER EQUIPPED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF OUR CHANGING TIMES.

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IT IS A STORY OF NUMBERS AND QUALITY OF INDIVIDUALS ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE AND OF THEIR PROGRAMS AND PROGRESS.

OF COURSE, WE CAN ALWAYS START AT THE TOP. AND I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE INDIVIDUAL SINCE DWIGHT EISENHOWER TO MAKE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY RESPECTED AND RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL VEHICLE IN AMERICA.

BUT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS MUCH MORE THAN ONE MAN -- EVEN ONE WITH THE CREDENTIALS OF RICHARD NIXON. OUR PARTY IS MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE DEDICATED TO ITS PRINCIPLES AND WHO GIVE LIFE TO ITS IDEALS. AND HERE IN KANSAS OUR PARTY IS ESPECIALLY RICH IN THE QUALITY OF THOSE WHO BY THEIR WORK AND DEDICATION MAKE KANSAS A GREAT REPUBLICAN STATE.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

REPUBLICANISM IS A VITAL FORCE IN KANSAS, AND EVIDENCE OF THIS CAN BE SEEN IN EVERY BRANCH AND AT EVERY LEVEL OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

TWO-THIRDS OF ALL ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS ARE REPUBLICANS. THIS INCLUDES 2/3 OF THE COUNTY CLERKS, TREASURES, SHERIFFS, ATTORNEYS, AND PROBATE JUDGES AS WELL AS 4/5 OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS. 193 OF 315 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE REPUBLICANS.

IN TOPEKA WE HOLD BETTER THAN A 2 TO 1 MARGIN IN THE HOUSE AND A 4 TO 1 MARGIN IN THE SENATE. SIX OUT OF EIGHT CONSTITUTIONAL STATE OFFICERS ARE REPUBLICANS, AND SIX OUT OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF OUR WASHINGTON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ARE REPUBLICANS.

IN A POLITICAL WORLD WHERE 55% IS CONSIDERED A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY THE CONSISTENT 67 -AND-HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION FOR KANSANS IS AN OUTSTANDING RECORD.

AND MORE THAN JUST A RECORD, IT IS A SIGN THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS A VITAL, MOVING FORCE IN THE PEOPLE'S LIVES.

TONIGHT'S GATHERING IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT SIGN OF REPUBLICAN STRENGTH AND SUCCESS IN KANSAS. IT IS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GATHERING OF ITS KIND EVER HELD IN THE STATE. AND CONSIDERING THAT WE ARE 11 MONTHS AWAY FROM THE FURY AND EXCITEMENT OF AN ELECTION, THIS GATHERING IS ALL THE MORE IMPRESSIVE.

GEARED FOR 1972

SO AS A LIFELONG KANSAS REPUBLICAN I SAY IN ALL SINCERITY THAT I AM PROUD OF OUR PARTY AND ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR OUR STATE. AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT GIVES ME A SPECIAL SOURCE OF PRIDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO SEE OUR PARTY IN KANSAS SO ENTHUSIASTIC AND READY TO GET ON WITH THE JOB AHEAD -- THE JOB OF ELECTING STILL MORE REPUBLICANS IN 1972 AND BRINGING EVEN BETTER GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE AND TO AMERICA.

THE SPECIFICS OF THE JOB HERE IN KANSAS ARE CLEAR. WE MUST FIRST OF ALL RETURN JIM PEARSON TO THE SENATE AND GARNER SHRIVER, KEITH SEBELIUS, JOE SKUBITZ AND LARRY WINN TO THE CONGRESS. WE MUST REGAIN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL SEAT. AND WE MUST ALSO SEE THAT STATE, COUNTY AND CITY OFFICES CONTINUE TO BE FILLED WITH GOOD, SOLID REPUBLICANS,

AND ABOVE ALL, WE KANSAS REPUBLICANS MUST DO OUR PART TO INSURE RICHARD NIXON'S SECOND TERM IN OFFICE AND THE CONTINUATION OF HIS ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAMS AND POLICIES FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS.

NEXT WEEK THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AT THAT MEETING WE WILL ISSUE THE FORMAL CALL OF THE CONVENTION AND THEREBY SIGNAL THAT THE 1972 CAMPAIGN IS ON.

THE MONTHS TO FOLLOW WILL ~~PASS~~ SWIFTLY, I AM SURE, WITH ALL THE FEVERISH ACTIVITY THAT CHARACTERIZES AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS. AND I AM SURE THAT WHEN IT IS ALL OVER, IF WE DO OUR PART, IN A LITTLE LESS THAN A YEAR FROM NOW THE RE-ELECTION OF RICHARD NIXON WILL BE AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT.

YOU KNOW THE RECORD OF THIS PRESIDENT AND OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS A SUPERB RECORD OF LEADERSHIP, A RECORD OF PERFORMANCE AND REFORM.

EMPTY DEMOCRAT PROMISES

CONTRAST IS WITH THE RECORD OF THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATIONS. WHAT WE GOT THEN WAS PROMISES -- PROMISES OF PEACE AND

PROMISES OF PROSPERITY AND PROMISES OF RESPONSIVE, CONSENSUS GOVERNMENT.

DURING THOSE YEARS, WE GOT PROMISES ALL OVER THE PLACE. AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT IN THOSE DEMOCRAT YEARS WE GOT MORE THAN JUST EMPTY PROMISES. WE GOT WAR AND INFLATION. WE GOT RIOTS AND VIOLENCE. WE GOT A DIVIDED COUNTRY AND A CREDIBILITY GAP. AND, OH YES, WE GOT MORE PROMISES.

FIRM COMMITMENTS

RICHARD NIXON HAS CHANGED ALL THAT. NOT THE PART ABOUT MAKING PROMISES BUT THE PART ABOUT KEEPING THEM. THIS PRESIDENT HAS PROMISED ONLY WHAT HE COULD DELIVER, AND HE HAS DELIVERED ON EVERY PROMISE HE HAS MADE.

RICHARD NIXON ASSURED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT HE HAD A PLAN TO BRING TO AN END THIS COUNTRY'S LONG INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIETNAM WAR -- A PLAN TO DO IT WITH OUR HONOR INTACT. THAT PLAN WAS VIETNAMIZATION AND IT IS WORKING. TODAY, OVER THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, SENT BY A DEMOCRAT PRESIDENT TO FIGHT AN ASIAN WAR DESPITE PROMISES TO THE CONTRARY, HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HOME BY THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

RICHARD NIXON ASSURED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT HE WOULD REFORM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE. AND TODAY, WE HAVE DRAFT REFORM AND A NEW U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. WE HAVE AN IMPROVED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM UNDER ACTION AND A COORDINATED ANTI-POLLUTION

EFFORT. WE HAVE FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS SUCH AS REVENUE SHARING AND WELFARE REFORM AND EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION, ALL BOLD MEASURES PROPOSED BY A PRESIDENT WHO IS DETERMINED TO LIVE UP TO HIS WORD.

RICHARD NIXON ASSURED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT HE WOULD RESTORE THE NATION'S ECONOMY TO STABILITY BASED ON PEACE. AND TODAY THE SIGNS ARE GOOD FOR A RESOUNDING VICTORY OVER INFLATION. EMPLOYMENT HAS REACHED RECORD LEVELS. AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, WHILE TOO HIGH, HAS NONETHELESS, BEGUN TO DECLINE. AND I PREDICT IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO DRAMATICALLY.

RICHARD NIXON PROMISED TO BRING US TOGETHER. AND TODAY, COLLEGE CAMPUSES ARE PEACEFUL. CITIES ARE PEACEFUL. AND MORE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN DESEGREGATED -- PEACEFULLY -- THAN UNDER ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATION IN HISTORY.

A RECORD OF PERFORMANCE

IN THE ELECTION OF 1968, THIS COUNTRY PROVED IT HAD HAD ENOUGH OF GOVERNMENT BY PROMISE. IN THAT ELECTION THE AMERICAN CITIZENS OPTED FOR PERFORMANCE. AND THE PERFORMANCE THEY GOT HAS TURNED THIS COUNTRY -- AND THE WORLD -- AROUND.

IN THE LAST THREE YEARS OF RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS REVERSED THE TIDE OF WAR ABROAD SO THAT AMERICANS NOW DARE TO HOPE FOR PEACE -- AN FULL GENERATION OF PEACE. HE HAS REVERSED THE TIDE OF VIOLENCE AND DISCONTENT IN THIS COUNTRY. HE IS WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION AND HAS REVERSED THE COMMONLY HELD EXPECTATIONS THAT PRICES COULD DO NOTHING BUT RISE AND RISE RAPIDLY.

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DEMOCRATS FORGET

THIS IS A SOLID RECORD. TO MY MIND IT IS A COMPELLING RECORD. BUT THE PUBLIC MEMORY IS OFTEN SHORT AND THE DEMOCRATS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE CONVINCING WITH THEIR PROMISES IF NOT THEIR PERFORMANCES. IT IS UP TO US TO REMIND THE PUBLIC, OUR FRIENDS AND OUR ASSOCIATES, WHAT THESE PROMISES HAVE GOTTEN US IN THE PAST AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKELY GET US IN THE FUTURE.

SENATOR MUSKIE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED FRONT RUNNER FOR THE DEMOCRAT NOMINATION, HAS RULED OUT A BLACK RUNNING MATE. WOULD HIS ELECTION HOLD OUT THE PROMISE OF A RETURN TO THE DAYS WHEN BLACKS WERE AUTOMATICALLY AND CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS? IT IS UP TO US TO REMIND THE PUBLIC WHAT THAT WAS LIKE, EVEN IF MUSKIE HAS FORGOTTEN.

SENATOR TED KENNEDY REGRETS THAT COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR BOOKS. WOULD HIS ELECTION HOLD OUT PROMISE OF A RETURN TO THE DAYS WHEN BOOKS AND BUILDINGS BURNED ON CAMPUS? IT IS UP TO US TO REMIND THE PUBLIC WHAT THAT WAS LIKE, EVEN IF TED KENNEDY HAS FORGOTTEN.

SENATOR HUMPHREY, BY HIS OWN REPORT IS LICKING HIS CHOPS FOR ANOTHER RUN AT THE PRESIDENCY. WHAT COULD HE PROMISE? PERHAPS A RETURN TO THE GOOD OLD DEMOCRAT DAYS WHEN THE NATION'S LEADERS TALKED PEACE WHILE THEY MADE CLANDESTINE PREPARATIONS FOR AN EVER-WIDER WAR?

IT IS UP TO US TO REMIND THE PUBLIC, AGAIN AND AGAIN WHAT THAT WAS LIKE. EVEN IF HUBERT HUMPHREY HAS FORGOTTEN SO SOON.

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JOB IS CLEAR

IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT IT IS OUR JOB, NOT ONLY HERE IN KANSAS, BUT ALSO BACK AT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY, TO REMIND THE PUBLIC WHAT IT WAS REALLY LIKE BACK IN THOSE GOOD OLD DEMOCRAT DAYS AND TO SHOW THEM HOW COMPLETELY RICHARD NIXON HAS CHANGED ALL THAT. IF WE DO THAT, INDEED ONLY IF WE DO IT, CAN WE BE SURE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND AND ARE AWARE OF WHAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS ACCOMPLISHED. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT ONCE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT, THAT WE CAN BE ASSURED OF VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

I AM SURE OF THAT BECAUSE I AM SURE OF YOU, THAT YOU WILL DO YOUR PART. BUT I AM EQUALLY SURE THAT THE DEMOCRATS, EVEN IN THEIR PRESENT STATE OF CONFUSION -- AND MORE LIKELY BECAUSE OF IT -- WILL DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO CONFUSE THE ISSUES AND THE CHOICE BEFORE THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE.

CONFUSED THINKING

THE PRESENT CONFUSION AND DISARRAY IN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY IS APPARENTLY FILTERING DOWN TO AFFECT THE THINKING OF ITS WOULD-BE CANDIDATES. SO MUCH SO, THAT ONE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT SENATOR HAS BEEN

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HEARD TO MAKE THE CURIOUS CHARGE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON STARTED THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THAT HIS DEMOCRAT PREDECESSOR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS DE-ESCALATION. NOW SUCH A BEWILDERING CHARGE CLEARLY NEEDS NO REBUTTAL. IN FACT, IT COULD BE WRITTEN OFF AS SO MUCH NONSENSE IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE FACT THAT THERE IS A REAL DANGER IN IT. AND THE DANGER IS THAT THE DEMOCRATS IN THEIR CONFUSION WILL ALSO CONFUSE THOSE SINCERE AMERICANS WHO EXPECT AND DESERVE IN AN ELECTION TO GET A FAIR AND TRUTHFUL AIRING OF THE ISSUES.

DESPERATE TACTICS

AND THE PROSPECTS THAT THE DEMOCRATS WILL CHANGE ARE NOT GOOD. FOR EVEN MORE THAN THEY ARE CONFUSED, THEY ARE DESPERATE.

WHO ELSE BUT DESPERATE MEN, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD WILLFULLY AND FOR PARTISAN REASONS OBSTRUCT A POLICY THAT IS SUCCESSFULLY ENDING OUR INVOLVEMENT IN WAR? AND WHO ELSE BUT CONFUSED MEN COULD CLAIM THAT THEIR OBSTRUCTIONISM SERVES THE CAUSE OF PEACE?

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ONLY DESPERATE MEN WITH EMPTY PARTY COFFERS WOULD ATTEMPT A TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR RAID ON THE FEDERAL TREASURY IN THE FORM OF THE INCOME TAX CAMPAIGN CHECK-OFF PROVISION. AND ONLY CONFUSED MEN COULD PULL SUCH A MOVE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AND CALL IT REFORM.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LEADERSHIP

THE ELECTORATE WILL HAVE TO MAKE ITS CHOICE BETWEEN THIS KIND OF CONFUSED AND BEWILDERED REASONING AND THE PLAIN AND SIMPLE DIRECTION OF INTELLIGENT AND RESPONSIVE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP. THIS CHOICE WILL BE CLEAR AND OBVIOUS IF WE ALL HELP TO MAKE IT SO. IT IS REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP -- NIXON LEADERSHIP -- THAT GOT US OUT OF WAR. AND THIS KIND OF LEADERSHIP DOES NOT STOP WITH ENDING OUR COMBAT INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM. IT GOES ON TO BUILD THE PEACE -- A FULL GENERATION OF WORLD-WIDE PEACE. NO PRESIDENT IN RECENT TIMES HAS DONE MORE TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE THAN THIS PRESIDENT. NO MAN IN THE WORLD HAS DONE MORE.

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PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE

PRESIDENT NIXON'S PLANNED MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION OFFER REAL HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN EASING TENSIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST SUPERPOWERS. AT THE SAME TIME, HIS COMING VISITS WITH LEADERS OF OUR ASIAN AND EUROPEAN ALLIES, JAPAN, ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND WEST GERMANY, ARE STILL FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IS BEING RESTORED TO THE STRENGTH AND COHESIVENESS IT ENJOYED BEFORE IT WAS WEAKENED BY EIGHT YEARS OF DEMOCRAT ARROGANCE AND INDIFFERENCE.

IT IS LEADERSHIP WHICH DISTINGUISHES THIS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS LEADERSHIP AND A RARE INSIGHT WHICH HAS GIVEN US THE NIXON DOCTRINE, THE ONLY REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE TO THE STERILE CHOICE OF THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS BETWEEN NEO-ISOLATIONIST WITHDRAWAL AND CONTINUING ON AS POLICEMEN TO THE WORLD.

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RESPONSIBLE REFORM

I DO NOT HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THAT SAME QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE SOLUTION OF DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. RESPONSIBLE REFORM AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT ARE THE DOMESTIC FRUITS OF THAT LEADERSHIP.

COULD ANY OF THOSE ON THE LONG LIST OF DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HAVE MATCHED RICHARD NIXON'S LONG LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS?

I KNOW THE ANSWER. OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THE ANSWER. BUT IT IS OUR JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY AMERICAN KNOWS THAT ANSWER.

THAT IS OUR JOB AND EVERY ONE OF US HAS TO WORK AT IT, YOU, ME, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, ITS LEADERS, AND ITS MEMBERS ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY.

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HARD WORK AHEAD

THE RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION IS AN EASY ONE TO SUPPORT. BUT LET US NOT FOR THAT REASON ASSUME THAT THE JOB AHEAD OF US IS AN EASY ONE. IT WILL TAKE **HARD** WORK FROM ALL OF US, PLENTY OF HARD WORK IN THE YEAR AHEAD. THE DEMOCRATS, I REPEAT, ARE GOING TO BE A CONFUSING LOT THIS YEAR. **JUST** KEEPING AN ACCURATE LIST OF WHO IS AND **WHO** IS NOT RUNNING IS NO EASY MATTER. IT WILL BE OUR JOB TO KEEP THE TRUTH BEFORE THE PUBLIC, IN SPITE OF ALL THE DEMOCRATS MIGHT DO TO DISTORT AND CONFUSE THE ISSUES. THE JOB MAY NOT BE A SIMPLE ONE, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO THE MONTHS OF HARD WORK AHEAD. AND I AM SURE THAT YOU DO.

AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN ALL LOOK FORWARD TO VICTORY IN NOVEMBER AND CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARD THE ESSENTIAL GOALS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY.